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"BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS"

Presumably by this time most of our Associates have read this book.* It is a kind of synopsis of the first act of a high terrestial-and-cosmic drama, or if you prefer a curtain-raiser to the second act, likely to be replete with incredible happenings. As is to be expected, it's a good writing job or a bad one, according to the point of view. It has all the bewildered frustration of a cub reporter in the back row of the gallery, watching a Shavian version of Peer Gynt done into archaic Greek; but it also has wit and satire and commonsense, and best of all a collection of irrefutable and devastating facts, presented with an expurgated over-flow of rightous indignation --

The indignation, of course, arises from the unbelievable ignorance, obstructionism and stupidity of the authorities, particularly of the Air Command, for some four long years past. Some of our own readers have from time to time protested against similar criticisms in the BSR publications. Whatever "the authorities" said, was for the public good; whatever they stated as facts were to be believed by all really patriotic citizens! We invite these friendly critics and timid souls to read Mr. Scully's book as a masterpiece of unprinted profanity and devastating comment. The worst we have dared to print has been sweetness and light by comparison.

There are 230 pages of text in this book, and the first 127 are mostly by way of summary and review. There's "The Mystery of the University of Denver" and what the mysterious scientist said; then "Theories in Collision" and "The Lunar Fringe" (where the BSRA get their come-uppances); then the Hoaxers, and the Air Force Reports (a natural se - quence of titles); a chapter on Fort and Fate (Magazine) and other 'Starters', and as much more on astronomers and astronomical facts. Then, if you please, the high point of the book, the account given Scully by the scientist "Dr.Gee", who with other scientist personally investigated a fallen Disc and its contents, including the bodies of its tiny occupants.

This Dr. Gee, by the way, has investigated several of these fallen craft and has gotten so that you can hear him yawn whenever anyone mentions them. Not that he has any explanation, however! Oh dear, no! But then, who can really explain anything? A comet, a finger-tip wiggle or the brain-wiggle of top-brass illuminati are all equally mysterious - which of course is quite correct. And if flying discs buzzed the Pentagon every day at high noon, they would soon be regarded as normal and intelligible phenomena needing no explanation at all. But what we want to point out here is, that every detail which our BSR publications

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*Behind the Flying Saucers, by Frank Scully. Holt & Co.,N.Y. Sept. 1950. 230 pp. $2.35.

have heretofore printed concerning these 'falls' and sightings, is now verified by Dr. Gee's account.

In reporting these facts, the BSRA have not been able to furnish a complete account, nor to offer satisfactory proof of their genuineness. We have always drawn attention to these deficiencies, and have pointed out that there have been a number of falls or landings, that the accounts of them have become mixed and interwoven, and complicated by denials,and denials of denials, and retractions of retractions, and various lies, hoaxes and inventions, by everybody from top brass on up to itinerant sheep-herders. But we have acquired a good deal of data during the last four years of our study of this problem, and when a landing was reported to us by reputable persons, and the alleged facts seemed to click all right with previous information, and also to be consistent with our own explanation of the nature and purpose of these visitors - then we reported them to our readers as being probably correct.

The BSRA stand on the record in this matter. Our reports have been free from serious error - and moreover, we have consistently offered the only explanation which covers all the highly diversified data. We have sent out our interpretation of the disc phenomena to many persons in places of authority, and to many editors, columnists, radio announcers and other publicists - not excluding, of course, Mr. Frank Scully. Of Mr. Scully we have to say, that he has refused to be misled and intimidated by official obstructionists, has constantly forced the battle into the enemy's camp, has been courageous and intelligent. He doesn't know what the "saucers" are, or why they come here or whence they come, and if he has ever heard of etheric worlds or peoples he isn't going to admit it publicly (except as Lunar Fringe stuff). But he does know that all official explanations so far are poppycock or worse, and has performed an excellent service in letting in light and air on a lot of very objectionable juggling with words and facts.

The rest of the book, after Dr. Gee's revelations in chapter xii, is devoted to recent researches in magnetism, Why Saucers Landed Here, a Question Box, Air Conditioned Conclusions, and The Post-Fortean File. The titles of this Why chapter, and of the Conclusions raise false hopes; one certainly does not find out 'why', or come to a single conclusion except that everybody is stymied. What Mr. Scully has done is to put the finishing touch on the blinker brigade, the joke-smiths and laughing jackasses generally - many of whom, alas, bear names of some distinction and in affairs of their own alley show a reasonably high I.Q. Mr. Scully has posed the question in such a way that it cannot be evaded, but of course he has not answered it.

There is a sense in which it must remain unanswerable, probably for some years to come. That is because even the correct answer is no good, is not an answer at all, if no one listens to it, accepts it, or even tries to understand it. If an explanation is alien to habitual modes of thought, if the Zeitgeist will have none of it, if no one can see how to make money out of it, if some effort is required to grasp it - then it has about as much chance as the proverbial snowball in the hot-down-under. The explanation of these phenomena exists, in

its essentials. We have been offering it for four years past, but with few or no takers. Every new phase of these happenings can apparently be covered by it. It makes good science and good philosophy. It has not yet met a single competitor - i.e., any alternative explanation worth the paper it is printed on. To those who say 'but it can't be proved', we reply, 'maybe not for you'-but what do you mean by proof? ' We're fairly content, for the present, with the dictionary definition, that proof means such evidence as produces conviction beyond reasonable doubt. What constitutes 'evidence', when is a 'doubt' considered 'reasonable' - and who is to be the judge on these points? The decision rests with you - and you - but the relevant data will continue to accumulate, call it evidence or not, and the survivors of this impending debacle will evaluate it along the lines of the etheric 'hypothesis'- which has already become far more than imaginative guess-work.

Perhaps I should repeat here, that to speak of this 'hypothesis' as 'ours' is a convenience of language only. The Associates of the Borderland Sciences did NOT invent this explanation, did NOT originate it; and it is NOT new. Neither are the phenomena new; they can be traced back with considerable assurance for many centuries and were certainly well-known after 1850. (Incidentially, this fact alone should have been an adequate shutter-upper for the 'Russian invention' and 'secret U.S. weapon' delusions). The ancients, particularly the old peoples of India and China and Tibet, knew about the etheric worlds and their inhabitants, and many of the teachers and 'Masters' and 'Adepts' - if you'll pardon my mentioning such 'nonsense' - knew how to get their consciousness across into these regions, and how to bring back the knowledge they acquired there. This is simply to say, that the philosophy and metaphysics involved in 'our' explanation of the Discs are ancient and deep-rooted, and at the same time they do NOT conflict at all with modern speculative scientific thinking. Any contemporary physicist who has a cultural background outside of his immediate scientific work, should have no difficulty in understanding the etheric explanation of the Discs - and in accepting it as being both possible and probable. The concept of the ether has by no means been discarded nor can it ever be - any more than the concepts of space, time and causation can be excluded from the physical sciences. No, the BSR Associates did not 'invent' the etheric worlds and peoples, or the idea-and-fact that our sky visitors come from them, nor their purpose in coming. The sources of information are partly historical, partly in scientific concepts, and largely of an 'unorthodox' ('ESP') nature, which has been carefully tested for some five years past.

By all means, get Mr. Scully's book and read it - IF you have any lingering doubts about the reality and factuality of the Disc phenomena. Bear in mind that the disc-shaped objects are really only a small part of the whole; there is an almost infinite variety of shapes and appearances. Clips and other data accumulate in our BSR offices from all parts of the world so that we are unable even to acknowledge their receipt. The silly and casual 'explanations' usually come from people who have no idea at all of the extent and variety of the phenomena involved.

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READING SUGGESTION. The pocket-size "Popular Library" book, The Big Eye, by Max Ehrlich (25¢) is worth reading, as giving a realistic picture of social conditions which might arise in event of an atomic war, or the impending 'end of the world.' Once again, we do NOT want to frighten anyone; but we go on the assumption that BSR Associates want to visualize the whole possible situation as correctly as possible - that they are able to 'take it' and do not want to be either coddled or frightened unnecessarily. BSR publications are not designed for the general public. If our releases and bulletins distress you and do no good, we advise you in all friendship to discontinue your reading of them.

When, as sometimes happens, we print some psychic or spiritistic prediction of a gloomy sort - that does NOT imply that we either accept or reject it ourselves. It is an item of psychic news, so to speak, often printed simply for purposes of later check-up on the dependability of the Communicator and/or the medium concerned.

PROJECT SURVIVAL - or, in full, PROJECT SURVIVAL-&-SERVICE. We have nearly completed a small booklet, 8" x 6" mimeo., under this title. Let us make it clear, that this is NOT a handbook of instruction on where to go and what to do in event of wide-spread disaster. It deals more particularly with the three or four basic elements in the present world situation as we see it here at BSR headquarters - i.e., with the factors to be reckoned with in any attempt to understand the situation. At least that is true of the first part of the booklet, compiled by your BSR Director. If, as we hope, we can get Mr. Ralph Holland to contribute the second part, he may offer suggestions of a more 'practical' sort. Also, it is likely that most of the material in the first part is already familiar to most BSR Associates - but it might be handy to pass to other people, in lieu of trying to explain such matters verbally. Anyhow, it's going to cost you a dollar if you buy it, because it cost us that much when we figure in time and clerical work.

PROJECT SURVIVAL, again - is in the hands of Mr. Don York, of 1808 Jefferson, Kansas City, Mo. Write to him if you want to cooperate in this, and at least enclose postage - and $1.00 would be better. He is getting into an immense amount of work and not making a cent of profit out of it - probably running behind on expenses. He does NOT, at present, have any of the booklets mentioned above, though we'll try to send him some in two-three weeks. Give us that much time at least.

GOOD JOB FOR NO PAY: What we need here at Hdqrs. is two-three competent editors who can take over various phases of this work and carry on by themselves. If you can supply, please foward at once in good condition - but they probably won't be in good condition when or if re - turned.

THE FLYING SAUCER AS I SAW IT, by KENNETH ARNOLD. 15 pages 9 x 12 illustrations, high-grade rotogravure work, with brief explanatory text, used by Kenneth Arnold in connection with his lectures. Price .50 each.

M.L.